

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8-10 and 25-43 have been amended, and claim 7 has been canceled. Claims 1-6 and 8-68 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims Objected To But Otherwise Allowable:

Claims 7-14 and 16-23 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended several of the claims to recite the subject matter indicated by the Examiner as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 7, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 25 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 11 rewritten in independent form including the subject matter of all intervening claims, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 31 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 16 rewritten in independent form including the subject matter of all intervening claims, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 35 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 17 rewritten in independent form including the subject matter of all intervening claims, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 38 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 18 rewritten in independent form including the subject matter of all intervening claims, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 41 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 20 rewritten in independent form including the subject matter of all intervening claims, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Thus, independent claims 1, 25, 31, 35, 38, and 41 include subject matter indicated by the Examiner as allowable if rewritten in independent form. As such, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 25, 31, 35, 38, and 41 are allowable.

Allowed Claims:

Claims 44-68 are allowed over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/6000-34900/RCK.

Respectfully submitted,

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